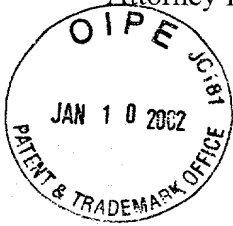


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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

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We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "**AUTOCLAVABLE, NON-ADHERENT, HEAT SEALABLE POLYMER FILMS FOR FABRICATING MONOLAYER AND MULTIPLE LAYER FILMS AND CONTAINERS**", filed herewith.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified Specification, including the Claims, as amended by any Amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

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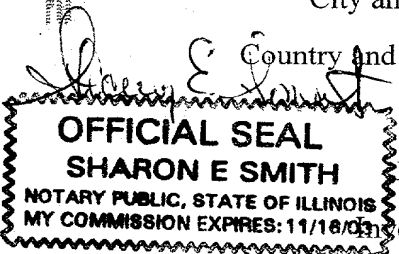
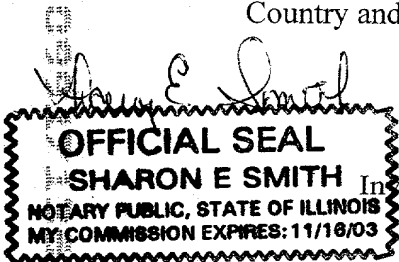
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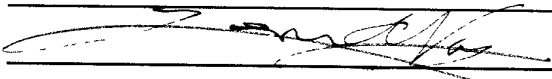
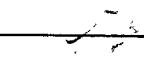
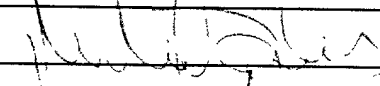
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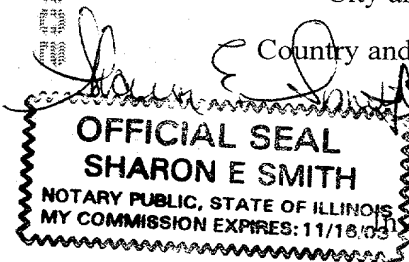
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